

To: Deitz, Randy[Deitz.Randy@epa.gov]; Cohen, Nancy[Cohen.Nancy@epa.gov]; Bassler, Rachel[Bassler.Rachel@epa.gov]; Mahmud, Shahid[Mahmud.Shahid@epa.gov]; Stalcup, Dana[Stalcup.Dana@epa.gov]; Ostrander, David[Ostrander.David@epa.gov]; Williams, Laura[williams.laura@epa.gov]; Barry, Michael[Barry.Michael@epa.gov]
Cc: EOC Public Information[EOC_Public_Information@epa.gov]
From: StClair, Christie
Sent: Wed 9/23/2015 9:54:38 PM
Subject: AZ Republic (DDL COB 9/24): Bulkheads

All - Thanks in advance for your help answering these questions.

Reporter: Caitlin McGlade

Outlet: Arizona Republic

DDL: COB Thurs

Inquiry:

1. What are the water elevation levels behind bulkheads 2 and 3 in the American Tunnel? What documents exist to show this data?
2. What stage is the EPA in the installation of bulkheads at Red and Bonita and at the Gold King Mine?
3. What effect would those two bulkheads have on the existing ones in the network of mines in the area?
4. Would it raise water levels inside the mountain behind the bulkheads 2 and 3 in the American Tunnel? If so, to what level?
5. John Reynolds, a consultant for the mining industry based in Durango, delivered a letter to the EPA staff in Colorado last week about a possible consortium of mine operators, proposing a remediation plan. Is this something the EPA would consider? To what extent is the EPA communicating with this group?

Christie St. Clair

US EPA Office of Public Affairs

c: 202-768-5780